

Research Task Force Supervised Workshops: Initiative of Pakistan Society of Nephrology

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Pakistan Society of Nephrology has seen significant changes since last 10 years. It gave an uplift to PSN when the biennial conference under the president ship of Dr Aizaz Mand Ahmad was a huge success in terms of participation and the presence of large number of international speakers. Dr Waqar Ahmed later put further improvement by introducing the PKRDS registry for documenting the hemodialysis population, initiating the website of PSN and stressing on the teaching and research initiatives.

Then the pandemic came and whereas it created a physical isolation yet it provided the opportunity to get connected online easily and more frequently. Current PSN under the leadership of Dr Ijaz Ahmed decided to move further into the promoting research as our main area of weakness. Task forces were created for all the areas of interest including research. Dr Waqr Kazmi, Dr Mujtaba Hassan Quadri, Dr. Rubina Naqvi, Dr Ali Asghar Lanwala, Dr Beena Salman and myself took the responsibility of being the speakers and facilitator and successfully conducted 4 workshops in all the capitals of four provinces over a short span of 4 months. It gave us the opportunity to interact with the attendees and at the same time understand the areas where we still need to stress more.

Total 260 participants attended the workshops so far. The idea is to develop a research capacity among the nephrologist and to start randomized control trials and large cohort at national level to understand the dynamics of kidney diseases in Pakistan. We look forward to repeating the workshops as a second round after conducting monthly journal clubs and involving the residents to present the articles to improve the collective understandings. We are planning to initiate a forum where research ideas can be discussed and help in devising studies that could be accepted based on its robust design.

These are not small steps anymore and an aggressive approach is needed to bring us at par with the world soon, time is not at our side yet!



Lahore 18-19 February,2023

Peshawar 11-12 March,2023

Karachi 13-14 May,2023



Quetta 24-25 June, 2023